

## EXCEPTION

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## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WESTERN CLEC CORPORATION, FORMERLY ECLIPSE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE FACILITIES-BASED AND RESOLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND PETITION FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPOSED SERVICES

DOCKET NO. T-03590A-98-0364

EXCEPTIONS OF WESTERN CLEC CORPORATION

On April 16, 2001, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") issued his recommended opinion and order in the above-captioned proceeding. The ALJ adopted, among others, the recommendation of Utilities Division Staff that the applicant Western CLEC Corporation ("Western CLEC" or the "Company") procure a performance bond in the amount of \$100,000 to cover prepayments or deposits collected from Western CLEC's customers, and that proof of the performance bond be docketed within 90 days of an order in this case or 30 days prior to the provision of service, whichever comes first. Western CLEC does not object to the bond requirement nor the amount of the bond, but asks that the time for docketing proof of the bond be extended to 90 days prior to the date Western CLEC will begin providing service. As a relatively small but growing competitive local exchange carrier, Western CLEC submits that extending the deadline for procuring the bond will allow the Company to more efficiently use its limited resources while it finalizes plans for the deployment of its service. Requiring Western CLEC to procure a bond while the Company has no Arizona customers does not serve to protect the public interest. Accordingly, Western CLEC respectfully requests that the

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